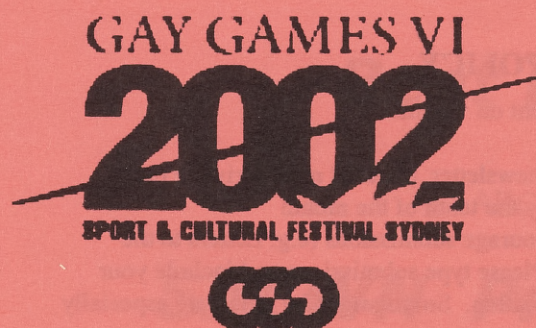


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## **Sydney 2002 Gay Games VI Sport and Cultural Festival**

**These games are based on the principles of participation, inclusion and personal best.** All people are welcome regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, political belief, physical ability, athletic/artist ability or HIV status.

It was Doctor Tom Waddell, a decathlon competitor at the 1968 Olympic games, who conceived of athletic event as an opportunity for GLBT people to demonstrate to the world that their skills and competitive spirits in sports parallel those of the rest of humanity. He wanted to replace the obsession to win at all costs with the positive joys of simple participation. These games require no minimum ability for participation. Winning would be defined as **achieving one's personal best.**

### **Then and Now**

The first Gay Games (Challenge '82) began in San Francisco, August 28, 1982. One thousand six hundred athletes participated.

Now starting on November 2, 2002 the Gay Games VI (Under New Skies) will begin with over 10,000 participants from 52 countries and 31 sports. We will have approximately 40 people representing Sacramento in Sydney, Australia.

### **Sporting Events**

Some of the sporting events offered in Sydney are: aerobics, cycling, figure skating, marathon, pool billiard, softball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, dancing, basketball, diving, bowling, field hockey, golf, martial arts, powerlifting, squash, touch rugby, water polo, ice hockey, sailing, swimming, track and field, wrestling, judo, soccer, table tennis and triathlon.

### **Culture Festival**

You may have noticed the "cultural festival" part of the games. There are many cultural events that can be enjoyed by participants: theatre, art, women's circus, poetry, choral program, concert/marching bands, and bridge & chess.

One can be part of this special experience through going to Sydney and being part of the audience in the Opening Ceremony and any of the other events being offered.

Sacramento Arts & Games Association (SAGA) has strongly encouraged the gay and lesbian community to get involved in this unique event.

"Sydney 2002 will be a fantastic opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to come together from all over the world in one of the most gay and lesbian-friendly – and beautiful – cities in the world," said Jayne Moore, SAGA Chair.

"It is not just a sporting and cultural event, but an international pride festival in one of the most fun, gay-friendly and stunning cities in the world."

"There's no other event anywhere in the world in which gays, lesbians, transys, straights, Olympic champions, amateur weekend athletes, people with disabilities, people living with HIV, those just out of the closet and those approaching their tenth decade, can all take part together, in the spirit of participation, inclusion, and personal best."

**For more information about Sydney 2002 Gay Games go to:**

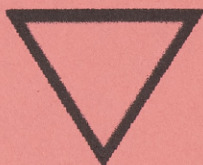
[www.sydney2002.org.au](http://www.sydney2002.org.au)

### **Rendez-Vous 2006**

Start saving your money now for the Gay Games VII (Rendez-Vous) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The games begin on July 29. Meet your there!  
For more information check out their website:

<http://www.montreal2006.org/>





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### **THE SACWN MISSION**

*SACWN's mission is to provide lesbians with social activities in a safe environment, a supportive network, and resources to link our diverse community.*

### **SACWN NEWSLETTER POLICY**

This newsletter is entirely dependent on volunteers.

In order to be included in the next newsletter, material must arrive in our mailbox or at my e-mail address by the tenth of the month (sharonju@earthlink.net). We encourage submissions (e.g. Letters to the Editor, news items, photos, etc.) Please type submissions and include your name and phone number for verification. Submissions by email are especially encouraged.

**FREE ADS:** This section is for selling things of a personal nature, advertising for a roommate or finding a lost love. These ads are FREE to SACWN members who are advertising for personal use (no business advertising this section).

**BUSINESS ADS:** Camera-ready ads are \$60 per business card size ad. Ads must be prepaid. Ads are on a 12-month/six issues per year basis. For more info, please contact Sharon at 916-487-9851.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** SACWN takes the following precautions to insure the privacy of its members:

1. The mailing list is never sold or lent to anyone-be they other women's groups or inquiring lesbians.
2. The newsletter is always sent first class, rather than at the cheaper bulk rate.
3. Each newsletters is addressed to a specific subscriber, not "resident" or "household".
4. Newsletters are not sent to individual men.

~Women who want to participate in the operation of SACWN are encouraged

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### **Invitation to SACWN General Meeting**

We will be having a General Meeting followed by a Steering Committee meeting on the first Thursday in August (August 1) and the first Thursday in September (September 5). We meet at the Lambda Center which is at 1927 L St. Our meetings start at 7 PM. Come and find out what's going on and add your ideas and input to help our organization become stronger and continue to be a reflection of our members.

**Your input is important to us.** Bring your ideas and suggestions. If you want to have some input but can't be at the meetings, send an Email to SACWN1@aol.com with your ideas.

### **Special Thanks....**

to all the SACWN members who volunteered to participate at the SACWN booth during the Pride Day. The Lambda Center did an outstanding job of organizing this event. Thank you, Lambda Center. There was such a wonderful variety of booths and the entertainment was great. Events like this help bring our community together in a positive and supportive environment.



***This is the game you don't want to miss!***

**SACWN**  
***Beat LA Tailgate Party***

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 am  
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Tickets***

***Purchase tickets*** for Monarchs against the LA Sparks Game  
Ticket Price: \$18.00



To purchase tickets  
contact Linda 456-4859

Join SACWN to support and cheer  
the Monarchs to victory against the  
LA Sparks

Come to the SACWN Tailgate Party.  
Let's help get fired up to support the  
Monarchs

Camille Wotaziak of Merrill Lynch  
hosts the Tailgate party, which will  
include free food and soft drinks.

Come early to the Tailgate party so  
that you will also be at the game  
early to pick up your Free Ticha  
Peincheiro Bobblehead.

The game starts at 1:00 pm and is  
televised by NBC. ***This is a game  
you don't want to miss!***

If you are not a season ticket holder,  
SACWN has 30 reserved preferred  
seating tickets near the Monarch  
Bench section available for  
purchase.



**SACWN'S**

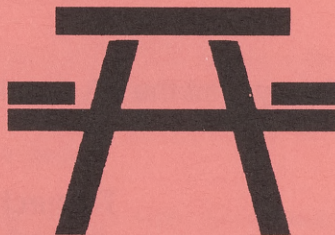
# Day at the Lake

**Folsom Point,**

(formerly known as Dyke 8)

**Sunday, August 11, 2002**

11am until 4pm



Mark your calendars, and invite **all** your friends and family, everyone is welcome to this highly requested play day at the lake. We will have tables and BBQ's reserved; but plan on getting out there early, because the park **will** fill up.

There is a boat launch, restrooms, shade, sun and the lake. SACWN will provide some drinks. Bring your own food, beverages, chairs, water toys and **sunscreen!**

**This event is all about SUMMER FUN!!!!**

Directions: The entrance to the park is off of E. Natomas Street in Folsom, west of Green Valley Rd. Once in the park, follow the paved road to the end look for the SACWN banner. If coming by boat, we will be east of the launch, before Mormon Dam.

For more information: Look in your next newsletter, call Kelli @ 284-8519 or visit our website: [www.sacwn.com](http://www.sacwn.com)



## Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Bulletin

SACWN's SIGs are small, friendly groups of women who get together monthly (if not more often) to share activities of mutual interest. New members are always welcomed, so we encourage you to call the contact person listed to find out what activities are being planned.

If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Group (SIG), please contact Linda at 456-4859 with your ideas. You could share a favorite hobby or interest with other women.

### Rainbow Campers

Join SACWN's Rainbow Campers for a weekend of camaraderie! RV, tent and car campers are welcome. To attend a Rainbow Campers' event, call the RV park at the number provided to make your own reservations. Many parks fill up months in advance so make your reservations early! Then, contact the Wagon Master listed under the trip to let them know you are planning to attend. Then, they can greet you, share information about the Saturday night potluck and let you know about any activities that may be planned for that weekend.

#### Upcoming Events:

**August 23-25** will be at Bodega Bay RV Park. Seafood Festival will be going on. Phone: (800) 201-6864. Wagon Master: Joyce (916) 987-1069. Recommended sites: Back in: 6-11 Pull through 21-23. (Mia #24, Barb #23, Barbara #35)

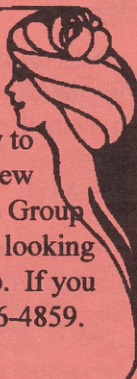
**September 20-22** will be at Marina Dunes RV (Monterey) Phone: (831) 384-6914. Monterey Aquarium and biking are there for your enjoyment. Wagon Master: Mia (916) 630-0454. Recommended sites: #1-10 or #50-62.

**October 18-20** will be at Coloma Resort. Gold Country Tour is available. Phone: (800) 238-2298. Wagon Master: Mary (916) 723-5269. Recommended sites: #62-70.



### Newcomers

Are you new to SACWN, new to the area or just want to meet new people? Then the Newcomers Group is for you! We are presently looking for a coordinator for this group. If you are interested, call Linda at 456-4859.



### Charitable Women

CW brings women together to do charitable works for the community. Please call Chris at 485-8451 for details.

### Half-Fast Hiking Group

This is a well-organized, friendly group of serious hikers who know how to have fun. We are in our sixth successful year of day-hiking with hikes scheduled once per month all year long. We walk at a comfortable pace and usually average about five miles round trip on hikes that are rated "easy" to "moderate". All newcomers will receive a warm welcome! Please join us for the time of your life! Call for a calendar of this year's events and an information sheet. Call Marta at 456-9312.

### Top 10

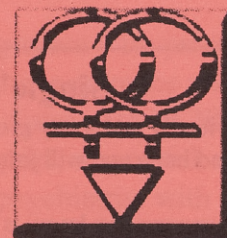
Top 10 is a group of women over fifty and women who love women over fifty. Each month we get together for a meal at a local restaurant or for special at-home potlucks.

To receive a schedule of any future Top 10 events, Email Mary at:

MaryStoschke@webtv.net

**August 3, Saturday at 2 PM.** Potluck and swimming at Sharon G's home in Carmichael. For directions call Dot and Betty at 456-2577.

**September 15, Sunday at noon.** Mexican restaurant buffet in Folsom. A private room will be provided for not more than 25 women. So, RSVP as soon as possible by September 8th. Call Joyce W.: 987-1069 to reserve a place and for directions.





## SIGS + (Special Interest Groups)

### Fool House Poker Group

Feeling lucky? Then join us for a friendly game of poker the 2nd Friday of every month. Novice players welcome. I guarantee you'll have a good time. For game time and location, call Gretchen 916-922-6287 or Mary 916-723-5269.

### Grieving Group

Has someone special died and passed on from your life? Do you need an empathetic group with whom you can express your feelings? This group is specifically for you.

Call Diana for more information - 428-0290.

### Women's Music

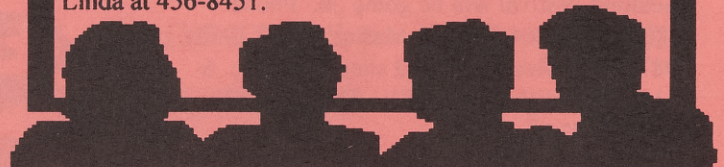
Are you interested in women's music? Do you want to support women musicians that have been involved in the women's movement for many years while having a good time? We will be going to live performances of women's music in Northern California. All are welcome to join us and enjoy the pleasures that listening to great music can bring. If you are interested in joining us or if you just want to know what performances are coming up, call Pat: 916-363-7535. Make sure you ask for Pat, please! You can also e-mail Pat at pwood314@yahoo.

### Garden Club

The Garden Club shares information, plantings, takes landscape tours, and much more. If you're interested, please e-mail Glenda at gpfgarden@cs.com or call her at 916-454-0246. Spring has sprung. Come and share.

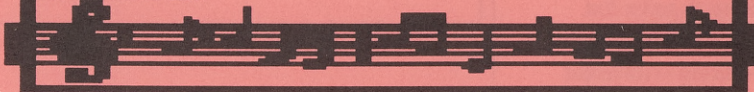
### Women Writers Group

Are you a writer or potential writer and interested in networking with other writers? In this group, writers can support each other and share their work. Let's get together and talk. We need a group leader. If you're interested in being in this group or being a leader, call Linda at 456-8451.



### Arts and Entertainment

From local activities such as the Second Saturday Art Walk to a show in the Bay Area, we have a variety of entertainment we have previously enjoyed. It's great fun and you can meet old friends and perhaps meet a new friend. If you are interested in participating in or coordinating events, contact Sharon at 916-487-9851. Or have the latest updates sent to you by Email. Just send your Email address to: sharonju@earthlink.net and indicate your desire to be on the A&E Email list.



### Non-Jock Sports Group

Looking for flag football players and cheerleaders? Unable to run, throw a football, or tie your shoe? That's what we're looking for! Call Chris at 451-8451.

### Single's Group

We are a friendly and lively group of women who just love to have fun and hope you will join us.

If you or someone you know is interested in coordinating the Single's Group, please contact Linda at 456-4859. She is the Special Interest Groups Coordinator.

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## SACWN Calendar and More

These dates are not completely firm yet. Watch future newsletters for more specific information.

**August 3 - Monarchs Game  
SACWN Beat LA Tailgate Party**



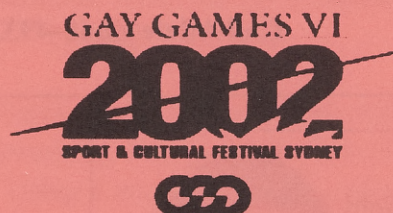
**August 11 - SACWN's Family Day at the Lake**  
Come to Folsom Lake - Open to everyone

**September 1 - Rainbow Fair - Come visit the SACWN Booth**



**October 16 - Halloween Dance**

**November 2 - Gay Games in Sydney, Australia**



**December 6 - Holiday Social**

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**SACWN Business Group Forming...**

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like to increase your business contacts,  
have an invention and need feedback,  
looking to make a career change,  
want to share experiences  
want to reach new goals,

**this group may be what you have been looking for!**

**"I'm not here to make a living,  
I'm here to make a difference."  
Helice Bridges**

Please plan on joining us and help us form and determine the direction of this new and exciting group for women. Information please call Kelli @ 284-8519.

### Living Space Needed

Would like to rent living space with private bathroom and optionally private entrance and yard for dog, within commuting distance to UCSMC/ Stockton Blvd. I am a quiet, respectful, neat, non-smoking, non-drinking psychiatrist with background in natural healing moving back to Sacramento in September.

(360) 254-3291 or drmindyr@aol.com

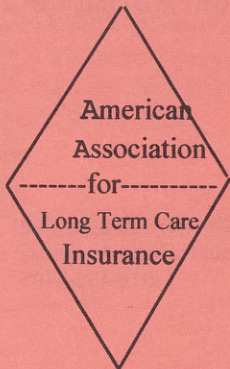


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## A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT

### Groups In the Community +

**Gay & Lesbian Sierrans** - Motherlode Chapter GLS is a friendly, relaxed group of lesbians and gay men who enjoy outdoor adventures and camaraderie. Our local group, established in 1996, has about 200 members and offers a variety of outdoor activities, such as dayhikes and weekend camp trips, as well as opportunities to become involved in outdoor conservation and environmental issues. We hope to encourage your participation in, and appreciation of, the outdoors, and help you make new friends in a comfortable atmosphere. Their website is: <http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/gls/>

**ITSF-If The Shoe Fits** is a vehicle for people to make friends and participate in the activities within our lesbian and gay community. ITSF denies no one admittance to an event due to financial hardship. Their website is: [shoes2U@hotmail.com](mailto:shoes2U@hotmail.com) or you can write to: ITSF, PO Box 295, El Dorado, CA 95623



### Partner's Enrichment Weekend for Lesbian Couples October 4-6, 2002

A loving, nurturing and communicative relationship is the most rewarding way to experience emotional well-being. Using a playful, candid approach, the co-facilitators help couples learn new skills to infuse their partnerships with insight, spontaneity and renewed passion. To find out how to participate,

contact:  
Partners  
(916) 484-4155

### Lesbian Health Resource Guide

This wonderful guide lists providers and organizations that were referred to the writers by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and supportive straight colleagues who felt these providers and businesses would be appropriate to include. Every provider included in the Guide agreed to be listed. Here is a sample of some of the areas and providers listed:

**Abuse and Violence Prevention:** Lieutenant Cara Westin is a LGBT liaison who works with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community to enhance communication and trust between the community and the police department. [www.sacpd.org](http://www.sacpd.org)

**Advocacy & Civil Rights:** Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network-Greater Sacramento Chapter (GLSEN-GSAC) This is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating safe schools (K-12), regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. [www.geocities.com/sacglsen](http://www.geocities.com/sacglsen)

**Breast Cancer Organizations:** Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP) gives free clinical breast exams, mammograms and follow-up for low-income and un-insured women over forty. 800-511-2300

**Community Centers:** Lambda Fund & Community Center provides a safe environment for all people with the desire to address issues related to sexual orientation through education, support and information resources.

**Lavender Library:** Their mission statement: We exist to celebrate our culture and educate the community by:

- \*Sharing the stories of our culture, community and people
- \*Teaching, preserving and cherishing our history and culture
- \*Empowering our community through passing on our cultural heritage to future generations
- \*Embracing the diversity of our community and culture
- \*Building relationships with community organizations, groups and businesses. [www.lavenderlibrary.org](http://www.lavenderlibrary.org)

If you want to know more about this great guide you can go to their website at: [www.saclesbianhealth.com](http://www.saclesbianhealth.com)

Sacramento Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) is a support group for the friends and family of the LGBT community, as well as supplying advocacy for the equals treatment of the LGBT community. [www.sacramentopflag.org](http://www.sacramentopflag.org)



## Goings On In The Community

### STATE CAPITOL CELEBRATED GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE MONTH WITH ROTUNDA EXHIBIT

SACRAMENTO-In a historic celebration of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month in California, the State Capitol's rotunda featured display cases during the month of June with a timeline of events that have impacted the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) communities. The exhibit was on display in the second floor rotunda of the State Capitol through the month of June and is open to visitors on weekdays from  
(*excerpts from MGW Newspaper - June 15, 2002*)

The display was developed, researched, and designed by the *Making a Case for Community History* committee, chaired by Sacramento resident Sam Catalano and was presented with assistance provided by California State Parks and others throughout the area to bring a better understanding of the GLBT communities to the public. Sacramento's *Making a Case for Community History* is an on-going project of the Lavender Library, Archives & Cultural Exchange of Sacramento, Inc.

"The Making a Case for Community History committee is excited about its goal of reminding the public that gay and lesbian citizens have long worked alongside them to create a better society," Catalano said. "Sadly, members of the GLBT communities have been denied many rights afforded to other Americans as a foundation of citizenship, including the right to marry. We are proud of our many accomplishments, and hope this exhibit stirred Californians to remember the contributions these individuals have made in California and across the country."

This year's Gay and Lesbian Pride exhibit served as a precursor to add larger exhibit scheduled to open in Sacramento during next year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.

"California has chosen to be proactive in protecting the rights of the GLBT communities and their members. Through legislation and court action, the GLBT communities have emerged from the dark days of discrimination into the light of acceptance. Great changes with landmark legislation have led the way in this movement, but we have far to go. This timeline represents some of the significant events within the GLBT communities. It does not cover all of the incidents or issues that have faced us, but it provides a glimpse of the trials and tribulations, successes and achievements that we have experienced, and what the future holds for us.

"Join us on a journey from the past to the future - a future where the GLBT communities are a part of an equal and inclusive society."

*The "Making a Case for Community History" committee*

Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange (LLACE) of Sacramento, Inc. is a proud sponsor of "Making a Case for Community History".

LLACE is located at 1414 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 916-492-0558

Website: [www.CommunityHistory.org](http://www.CommunityHistory.org)

for information on: *Making a Case for Community History*

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Every blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow, grow."

The Talmud





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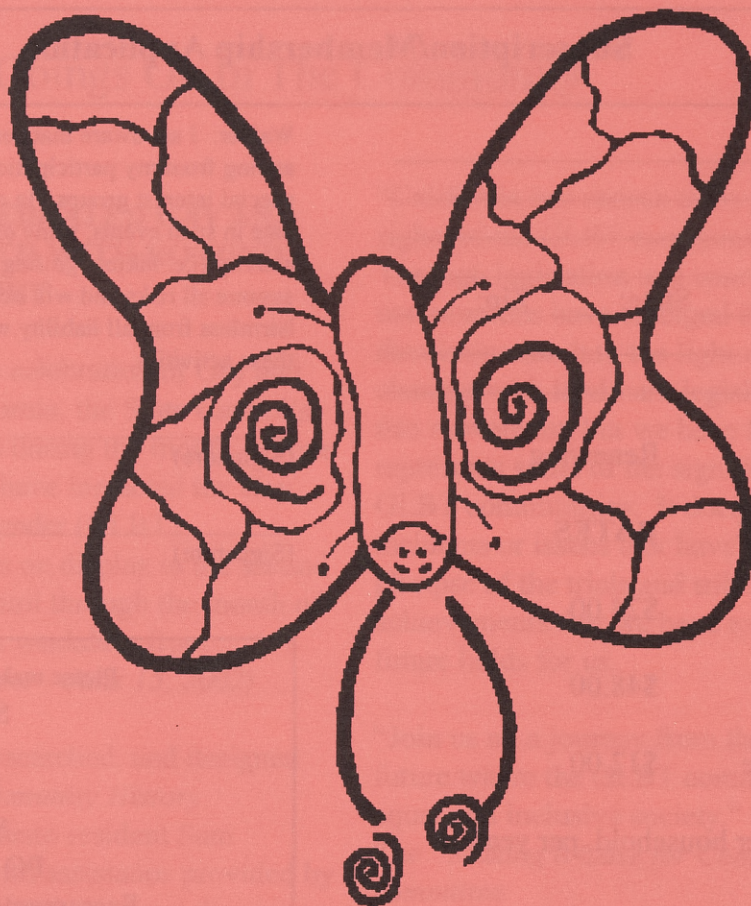
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